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SUBJECT: MINIGUNS AND MACHINE GUNS FOR HELICOPTERS

REF: A) LETTERS DATED 14 OCT 76 FROM MOROCCAN MIL ATTACHE
TO DEPARTMENTS OF STATE AND DEFENSE
B) SECDEF 212311Z OCT 76
C) CHMUSLO 281043Z OCT 76
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1. REF A TRANSMITTED GOM REQUEST FOR PLANNING AND
BUDGETARY (P AND B) INFORMATION FOR MACHINE GUNS OF AS
LARGE CALIBER AS POSSIBLE FOR MOUNTING ON AUGUSTA-BELL
HELICOPTERS. REF B APPROVED GOM REQUEST CONTAINED REF A
AND ASKED FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT HELICOPTERS ON
WHICH MACHINE GUNS WOULD BE USED. REF C STATED GOM WOULD
USE AUGUSTA-BELL 205 HELICOPTER SIMILAR TO ARMY UH-1H

SERIES AS WEAPONS PLATFORM AND ADDED THAT GOM WOULD ACCEPT "7.62 MM MACHINE GUNS/2.75 IN FFAR (M-21 SYSTEM)" AS INTERIM MEASURE BUT DESIRED USG CONTINUE SEARCH FOR 20MM/30MM PILOT/CO-PILOT CONTROLLED SYSTEM ADAPTABLE TO AUGUSTA-BELL 205 AIRFRAME. REF D SAID DEPARTMENT OF ARMY

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(DA) WOULD FURNISH P AND B DATA FOR M-21 SYSTEM BY 15 NOVEMBER AND ADDED THAT US DOES NOT EQUIP UH-1H TYPE HELICOPTERS WITH 20MM OR 30MM SYSTEMS. REF E PROVIDED P AND B DATA ON M-21 ARMAMENTS SYSTEM USING TWO M-134 MULTI-BARREL MINIGUNS AND ON M-23 ARMAMENTS SYSTEM USING TWO SINGLE-BARREL M60D MACHINE GUNS. REF E ALSO NOTED THAT M-21 SYSTEM DOES NOT RPT NOT FIT UH-1H, WHICH US ARMY DOES NOT USE AS WEAPONS PLATFORM. REF F INDICATED MUSLO HAD NOT RPT NOT TRANSMITTED INFORMATION CONTAINED REF E TO GOM BECAUSE OF QUESTIONS ABOUT ITS ADAPTABILITY TO UH-1H HELICOPTERS AND REQUESTED INFORMATION ON M-93 OR M-93E1 ARMAMENTS SYSTEM USING MINIGUNS OR M-2 50 CAL MACHINE GUNS FOR INSTALLATION ON UH-1H HELICOPTERS.

2. RELEASE OF INFORMATION PROVIDED REF E AND REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON M-93 OR M-93E1 SYSTEMS CONTAINED REF F ARE UNDER REVIEW IN LIGHT OF ADMINISTRATION'S CURRENT EXAMINATION OF OUR GLOBAL ARMS TRANSFER POLICY. (FYI ONLY: IN PAST OUR GENERAL POLICY HAS BEEN TO RESTRICT SALES OF MINIGUNS TO GREATEST EXTENT POSSIBLE, APPROVING ONLY THOSE CASES WHERE THERE HAS BEEN COMPELLING MILITARY NEED AND/OR STRONG FOREIGN POLICY JUSTIFICATION. INFORMATION CONFIDENTIAL

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PROVIDED REF E ON M-21 SYSTEM WAS MISTAKENLY APPROVED IN BELIEF MINIGUNS NOT RPT NOT PART OF SYSTEM. ALTHOUGH MACHINE GUN REQUESTS HAVE NOT RPT NOT PREVIOUSLY BEEN TREATED AS RESTRICTIVELY AS MINIGUN REQUESTS, PROSPECT OF US MACHINE GUNS MOUNTED ON US TECHNOLOGY HELICOPTERS FOR POTENTIAL USE IN SAHARA COMPELS US TO MOVE WITH CAUTION IN THIS CASE DUE TO UNRESOLVED NATURE OF MOROCCAN AND MAURITANIAN SOVEREIGNTY CLAIMS. END FYI). WE CANNOT PREDICT WHEN ARMS TRANSFER POLICY REVIEW WILL BE COMPLETED OR WHEN DECISION WILL BE MADE ON GOM REQUEST. DEPARTMENT WISHES TO DISCUSS MATTER WITH AMBASSADOR ANDERSON DURING HIS WASHINGTON CONSULTATIONS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN MARCH 21. WE WILL KEEP YOU ADVISED.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: FOR REASONS CITED IN PARA TWO, YOU SHOULD NOT RPT NOT FURNISH GOM EITHER M-21 OR M-23 DATA CONTAINED REF E.

4. FYI ONLY: DA HAS CONFIRMED IN RESPONSE TO REF F

THAT M-21 SYSTEM IS NOT RPT NOT ADAPTABLE TO AUGUSTA-BELL
205 HELICOPTER WITHOUT COSTLY MODIFICATIONS TO AIRFRAME
AND HYDRAULIC SYSTEM. END FYI.
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